

Abstract of the Disclosure

There is provided a polymer having a side chain of general formula (I) in which R may be any suitable alkyl, oxyalkyl, aryl or oxyaryl linking group R is preferably C₁₋₆ alkyl (especially -CH₂-), a benzene group or a group -CH₂-O-Phe-. Generally, the side chain will be attached to an ethylene moiety forming part of the backbone of the polymer. Preferred polymers include polystyrene. The polymer is useful as a support for solid phase chemical reactions especially combinatorial chemical synthesis.

